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## Idaho Office of Emergency Management to Assist Kansas following Flooding and Tornadoes

**BOISE** – Governor Brad Little has approved an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) agreement with Kansas to assist with recovery efforts following flooding and tornadoes.

Ben Roeber, the Preparedness and Protection Branch Chief for the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) and former Boise County Sheriff, leaves for Kansas today to provide support and subject matter expertise in the Kansas State Emergency Operations Center following devastating tornadoes that hit Tuesday night. Roeber will serve as a liaison between counties and the state EOC.

“Idaho is proud to assist our fellow Americans in their time of need,” Governor Little said. “We support the Emergency Management Assistance Compact agreement because we believe in neighbors helping neighbors and states helping states. Idaho’s highly skilled and experienced state employees will be able to share their expertise with Kansas as they work through these challenges.”

The EMAC is an all-hazards mutual aid agreement between states. Through EMAC, states can share any resource available with another state following a Governor’s declaration of a disaster or emergency. More information is available at <https://www.emacweb.org/>

The Kansas EOC remains at Level I Full Activation in response to flooding that was part of a weather system that began Tuesday night, spawning tornadic activity that caused widespread destruction in both Douglas and Leavenworth counties.

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